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Re-dedication Ceremony Celebrating Dwayne Browder Field Renovations

CLEVELAND – Yesterday, September 9, 2015, Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Cleveland Browns President Alec Scheiner, business and community representatives gathered to celebrate the renovation of Dwayne Browder Field, 2511 E 46th Street. The renovations replaced the natural grass field with a state of the art, synthetic turf, full sized football field. The upgrade will extend the season and usage of the field and reduce maintenance costs for the City of Cleveland.

The \$930,000 project was a collaborative effort funded by the Cleveland Browns with a \$200,000 grant from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program. City of Cleveland General Obligation Bond proceeds funded the balance. The Burten, Bell & Carr Development Corporation also collaborated with the City and the Cleveland Browns on the project and First Energy is currently working to install a sport lighting system for the field.

Michael E. Cox, Cleveland's Director of Public Works addressed the gathering stating that the "project has been and will continue to stand in tribute to what we can do in partnership to provide safe, appealing spaces for our children to learn, grow and play".

Named for Dwayne Browder, a long time Cleveland MUNY Football League coach and community leader, the field is a focal point for youth sports in Cleveland's Central neighborhood and serves as home field for the Cleveland MUNY Football League's Phil Cullum Renegades. East Technical High School also uses the field.

The evening event concluded with a surprise visit by Cleveland Browns Joe Haden who spoke with the kids and cheerleaders and uniformed student athletes rushing onto the newly renovated field.